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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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THY WILL BE DONE

My Jesus, as Thou wilt!
O may Thy will be mine;
Into Thy hand of love
I would my all resign.
Thro' sorrow, or thro' joy,
Conduct me as Thine own;
And help me still to say,
My Lord, Thy will be done.

My Jesus, as Thou wilt!
All shall be well for me;
Each changing future scene
I gladly trust with Thee.
Straight to my home above
I travel calmly on,
And sing, in life or death,
My Lord, Thy will be done.

—Benjamin Schmolck

"Come Before Winter"

By Rev. Milton Jay Peden

First Methodist Church, Winona, Mississippi
A sermon on Meeting Opportunities from II Timothy, Chapter 4

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry . . . The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments . . . Do thy diligence to come before winter" . . . —II Tim. 4:2-11; 13, 21.

In the community in which I lived during the war with Japan a young man was summoned by his draft board. When he appeared it was discovered that he was totally illiterate. Now if it had happened in some places this would not have been remarkable. Here it was. The community was blessed with a good school of high scholastic standing, well equipped, and under capable teachers. For nine months each year it had stood open and ready to serve him. And the young man

had lived all his life within a mile of the school. Without excusing the officials for failure to apply the compulsory school law, we are forced to say that his was a supreme example of wasted opportunity. The right use of opportunities is so vital a theme that surely it would be well for us to consider it thoroughly.

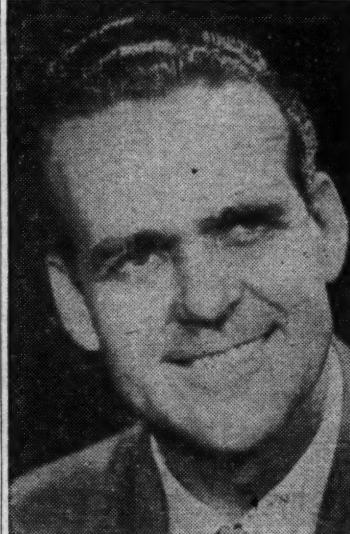
In the fourth chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy we have a wonderful picture of "Paul the Aged." He is old in years, although we do not know just how old; but he is aged by something more than the passage of time. The bent form, the scarred face and shoulders, the wrinkled brow tell us of his suffering. They tell of the time he was stoned and left for dead, of the times that he was beaten, of the hours he spent in the stocks, and of his days on dusty roads and storm-tossed seas. That air of intense concentration reminds us of his long preoccupation with his work and the "care of all the churches" which came upon him daily.

Yet in spite of his bent form and gray hair, there is still a fire in the eyes as he looks out and a suggestion of vital energy from within his movements that tell us that Paul the Aged is still Paul the Apostle, the same man

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"WORSE THAN FIRE"

By Dr. Lee Roberson
President, Tennessee Temple College;
Pastor, Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga



Dr. Lee Roberson

THE EDITOR'S Notes by John R. Rice

Did You Get My Letter?

I wrote to every subscriber of THE SWORD OF THE LORD a nice letter, which I hope you received. Have you answered it yet? Over two thousand have already extended their subscription for four years, at the rate of four years for \$5.00. That is at this writing, November 13. But by the time this SWORD reaches you, we expect to have received two thousand more such four-year subscriptions. Why not save money, help us, avoid interruption in your SWORD subscription by sending us \$5.00 for a four-year extension of your subscription beyond its present expiration date?

Needed: Secretaries, Office Workers

Soon we will need, at the Sword of the Lord office at Wheaton, Illinois, two good secretaries and two or three other typists and general office workers. We want only devoted Christians who feel a burden to go into full-time Christian work. One worker might be in our mailing department, with quick and accurate fingers, without secretarial training, others need typing training and experience. Two need shorthand training and experience. College graduates preferred. Must give good recommendations, must be willing to sacrifice. Only permanent workers wanted. We pay about like the other best Christian institutions, less than the outside world pays in Chicago and New York. Give age, training, experience and salary needed in first letter. Address the Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois.

Revival Effort, Harlingen, Texas, November 18-December 2

This is Tuesday night: Thursday morning the editor, with Mrs. Rice and my secretary, Miss

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"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." —Rev. 20:15.

Scripture reading: Luke 16:19-31.

There has always been a great deal of quibbling among Bible scholars as to whether Hell is a place of literal fire, or is the Bible language figurative.

Personally, I believe that Hell is a place of fire. I do not know just how the burning and torment will go on and on forever, but I accept by faith the literal Word of God.

But, let us remember: If the language is figurative, that does not lessen the torture. A figure of speech is not used until it is found impossible to give any adequate conception without it; therefore, if the fire of Hell is figurative, the actual torment is worse than fire.

It is those very words, "Worse than fire," that I want to place before your minds. We have so often thought only of Hell as a place of burning—and I believe it is; but there are other aspects of Hell worse than fire.

I direct your attention to three things in Hell worse than fire and brimstone.

I. Memory

It is established in the Scriptures that memory is retained in

Hell. Abraham said to the rich man who cried out from the torments of Hades, "Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented" (Luke 16:25).

The rich man was called upon to remember all things that he had received in his lifetime. He had received riches, fine clothing, rich food every day; yes, his life had been one of ease and luxury. Though the rich man did not recognize it in his life, he was forced to remember now that these things came from the hand of God.

He was also called upon to remember the evil portion which came to Lazarus. This poor beggar was well known to the rich man, for he lay at his gate. In Hell he requested that Lazarus, the poor beggar, dip the tip of

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Observations On The Holiness Movement

By the late H. A. Ironside, D.D. Litt.D.
Long pastor, Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, Illinois

Since turning aside from the perfectionist societies, I have often been asked if I find as high a standard maintained among Christians generally who do not profess to have the "second blessing" as I have seen among those who do. My answer is that after carefully, and I trust without prejudice, considering both, I have found a far higher standard maintained by believers who intelligently reject the eradication theory than among those who accept it. Quiet, unassuming Christians, who know their Bibles and their own hearts too well to permit their lips to talk of sinlessness and perfection in the flesh, nevertheless are characterized by intense devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ, love for the word of God, and holiness of life and walk. But these blessed fruits spring, not from self-occupation, but from occupation with Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The great professing body who are scarcely clear or pronounced as to anything, I do not here take into account. I refer rather to those among the various denominations, and those outside of all such companies, who confess Christ boldly and seek to be a testimony for Him in the world. Compared with these, I repeat, a far lower standard of Christian living is found among the so-called holiness people.

How Claiming Holiness Leads to Sin

The reasons are not far to seek; for in the first place the profession of holiness induces a subtle spiritual pride that is often the veriest pharisaism, and frequently leads to the most manifest self-

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Dr. H. A. Ironside



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By Charles L. Ramsay

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Who Will Help Send The Gospel To France?

By the Editor

A letter dated September 27, 1951 has come from Robert P. Evans, of the European Bible Institute, Paris, France. The European Bible Institute has a good Board of Trustees. On the Advisory Council are Dr. W. W. Ayer, Dr. Robert A. Cook of Youth for Christ, Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., Dr. Oswald J. Smith, etc.

We print Mr. Evans' letter in full. Please read the letter and see if the Lord wants you and the SWORD OF THE LORD to help the European Bible Institute and its director in this crusade of Christian literature in France.

Dear Dr. Rice,

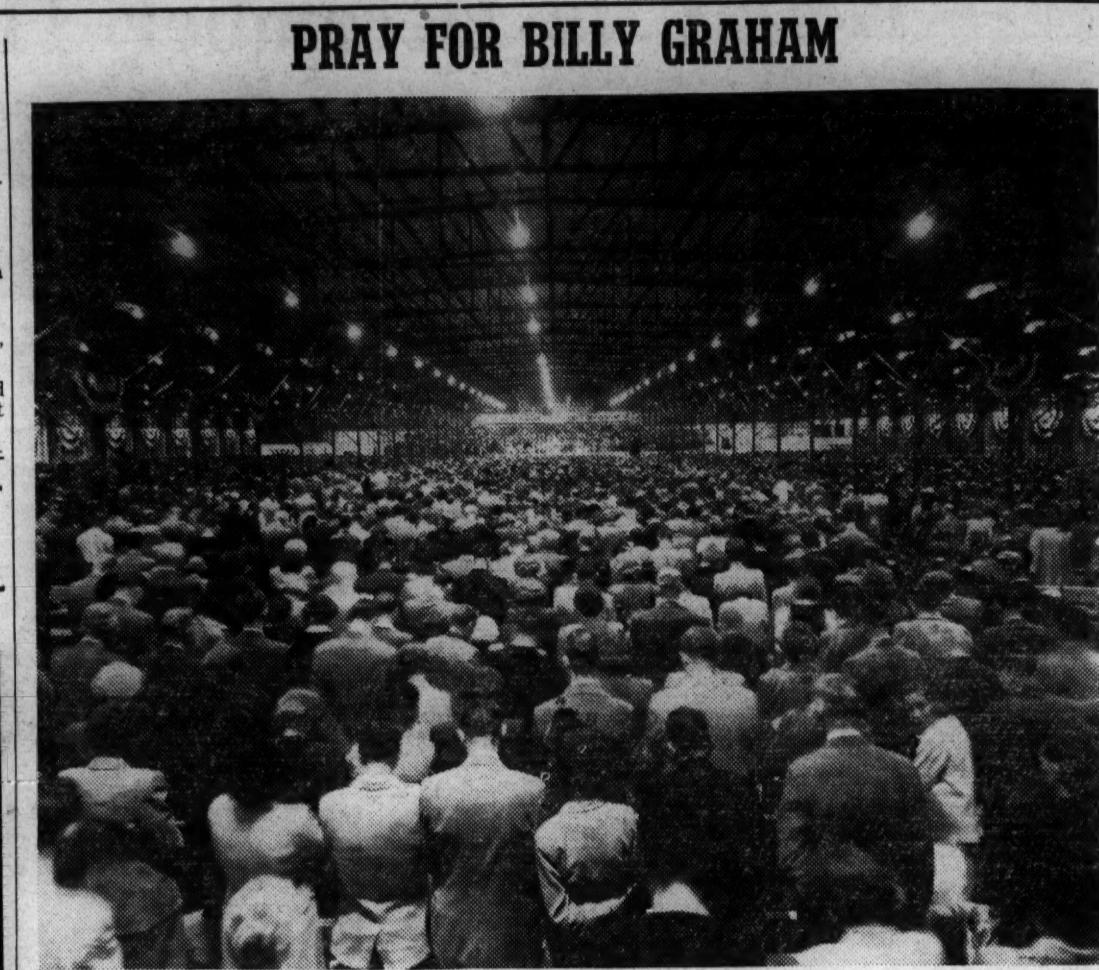
"Thank you for your kind letter of August 25, replying to my inquiries about printing some of your literature in French. Thank you also for the enclosed pamphlets."

"I do praise God for your vision in getting out the gospel to the millions all over the world who have never heard the message. In helping us to get a start in French you are rendering a tremendous service to this great land and to its colonies, not to speak of the French-speaking nations such as Switzerland, Belgium, and parts of Canada."

"In response to your suggestions regarding a starting point, we have already translated 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' We have investigated printing prices and can print 100,000 copies for \$1,525. If more funds could be raised so that we could contract for several hundred thousand at once, I am sure the price would be cheaper. For instance, the first hundred thousand, as quoted above, are \$15.25 per thousand. I am assured that after the first hundred thousand they could be had for \$11.30."

"Yours in the bonds of Christ,"
(Signed) Robert P. Evans

The SWORD OF THE LORD does not



The following telegram came from Billy Graham on Monday, November 12:

DR. JOHN R. RICE—SWORD OF THE LORD
214 W. WESLEY, WHEATON, ILL.

EXPERIENCING NEAREST THING TO GENUINE REVIVAL HERE IN GREENSBORO WE HAVE SEEN THUS FAR PARTICULARLY ON COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES. ONE HUNDRED GIRLS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S COLLEGE HAD ALL-NIGHT PRAYER MEETING LAST NIGHT. SCORES BEING CONVERTED. FIVE THOUSAND AT DUKE

UNIVERSITY WITH SCORES MAKING DECISIONS FOR CHRIST. TABERNACLE SEATING TEN THOUSAND OVERFLOWING EVERY NIGHT. HUNDREDS NIGHTLY MAKING PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST. PEOPLE BEING CONVERTED ALL OVER TOWN IN STORES ON THE STREET. PRAYER MEETINGS SPRINGING UP EVERYWHERE. CHURCHES EXPERIENCING GENUINE AWAKENING—

BILLY GRAHAM—

Dr. Billy Graham is in a city-wide campaign, Greensboro, North Carolina, in a large tabernacle reputed to seat 10,000, the choir seating over 900. January 13 through February 10 the Billy Graham evangelistic party is scheduled for a campaign in Washington, D. C.

We are glad to print the following letter from Billy Graham:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"As you know, we are soon going to Washington, D. C., for our city-wide evangelistic campaign. We have the backing of approximately two hundred churches and are taking a team of nearly thirty. We will have parlor meetings in some of the wealthiest homes, pastors' workshops, businessmen's luncheons, twelve television spots daily, etc., besides the evening meetings. Washington is actually the capital of the Western World. If Washington had a great spiritual awakening, it would affect the entire Western World and give hope and encouragement to Christians everywhere. I believe this is God's hour for our capital city. We are praying that thousands of Americans will join us in the greatest Prayer Crusade that has ever been had for any campaign in a long time.

"I would appreciate all that you and THE SWORD OF THE LORD could do on our behalf, getting interest created among the people to pray. If in your issues for December and January you could mention it in each issue, calling people to prayer, it would mean a great deal. I would be delighted to supply you with some of my sermons if you want to run them during that period of time. Mr. Beaven would be delighted to write a feature on Washington, or anything—we will be happy to be at your service."

"You will be interested to know that we are averaging 9,000 people nightly in our campaign here

have the means to send. If God puts it in our hands we would like to help spread the gospel in France through the French translation of the editor's booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

"We hope that every reader will pray and see what God wants us to do. If readers wish to designate gifts for getting out the gospel in France, or if enough comes in our Free Literature Fund we will be glad to cooperate with our brethren in Europe."

member daily these important campaigns. And we should not forget also Evangelists Merv Rosell, Jack Shuler, T. W. Wilson, Jim Mercer, E. J. Daniels, Joe Henry Hankins, Jesse Hendley, Hyman Appelman; the ten strong evangelists on the SWORD STAFF, and other evangelists, including this unworthy editor.

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FOR MY BOSS' BIRTHDAY

By One of the Sword Office Workers

If I were to announce a contest in which a prize would be given to the person who gave the best answer in twenty-five words or less, on "I am glad we will observe Dr. John R. Rice's birthday because . . ." there would be scores of different reasons given.

I am saying in a few words, "I am glad we're observing Dr. Rice's birthday because . . ." I know him to be a sincere, humble Christian with extraordinary ability and devotion to God. That's Dr. Rice, as those of us who know him best can testify.

On December 11, all his friends and loved ones are taking occasion to tell him the things they are always thinking, but seldom express to him. This is our chance. The acrostic below tells in a few words why I am glad we will observe Dr. Rice's birthday. This pictures him faithfully.

Believing the Word

Implicitly;

Realistically anxious

To minister personally to
Heart problems of people
Day or night,
Always honestly,
Year in and year out.

Since Dr. Rice's work as editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD is done without salary, we can see that love for ministering overshadows his service. He is paid by the reports of blessings the paper has brought to the readers. He is paid by the consciousness of truth sent forth to honor God in an era that sadly needs such a witness. Joys like these fill to overflowing Dr. Rice's praise to God for blessing THE SWORD OF THE LORD to a world-wide ministry.

Some practical ways friendly readers can share in the obser-

vance of his birthday are suggested here.

SEND A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION to . . .

1. *Reading rooms of seminaries, colleges, high school libraries.* (I have been impressed by seeing the Christian Science Monitor available in reading rooms where no evangelical periodical was displayed. Some of the Monitor's friends had been alert and aggressive.) Where could you spend \$2.00 to better advantage than to place a live wire weekly like THE SWORD OF THE LORD where the future leaders of America would see it? (If you don't know such a school, but like the idea, write us to choose a reading room for your \$2.00 subscription. We'll do this—and advise you where the paper will go.)

2. *Leading citizens in your community.* Just this week a bank official, successful and influential in his field, wrote a letter in which he told of spiritual interests and heart-hunger for life's true realities. Just send us the name of someone in your community and the \$2.00 subscription. Leading citizens are today carrying terrific loads. They need spiritual help. (Newspaper accounts of late have reported serious defections from honesty among prominent leaders in financial circles.) They face temptations most of us don't have to meet. Let's give them moral support through a subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

3. *Prominent Professional People.* A few weeks ago I read a letter from an outstanding medical man. He was a successful doctor, financially independent, head of a family, esteemed in his community. But his heart of hearts was not satisfied with all these

"B--Day" Dec. 11

Some Scriptural Reasons for Celebrating Editor's Birthday With Gift Subscriptions

By Grace Rice MacMullen
Circulation Manager

I am sure by this time December 11 means something to readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It's B-Day—the birthday of Dr.

"things." He wanted assurance of eternal blessedness, not just earthly and social security. He is doubtless one of thousands in this condition. Those of us who love and appreciate our professional people, doctors, lawyers and educators, can do them good by sending them a gift subscription.

4. *City, state and national officials, and political leaders.* Think of your own governor, mayor, county officials, municipal judges, sheriffs, deputies, police officers, jailers. There are scores of such people who desperately need the message of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We are told to pray for such, and by sending THE SWORD we can do even more than pray. Include your public servants in your gift list for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

So, if hundreds of you will take these three things as burdens on your heart, you will be able to say, "I am glad we observe Dr. Rice's birthday because I, myself, am having a share in his ministry through gift subscriptions." That is true. You will share the present happiness and everlasting joy of all the good THE SWORD OF THE LORD accomplishes. Use coupon elsewhere on this page.

John R. Rice, the founder and editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We feel it is fitting that a man who has been used of God to bring salvation and blessing to so many should be honored in a special way on this day. It is only rarely that the columns of THE SWORD OF THE LORD are open to such an invitation as we are now making, because the editor of the paper is so essentially modest and unselfish that he guards very carefully against any possible glorification of any man, and particularly himself. However, this is his birthday, and everyone knows that the "birthday child" doesn't have much choice in how his birthday is celebrated! When birthdays roll around, the celebrant is expected to stand by while secret preparations are made to mark the day. In that spirit, we have been suggesting in recent issues of THE SWORD OF THE LORD that the thousands who have read the paper guided by Dr. Rice have an opportunity to join in our "Happy Birthday" wishes for this fifty-sixth birthday anniversary.

There is so much Bible precedent for such an honoring of a Christlike man that we feel no embarrassment nor need for apology in asking your cooperation. The Apostle Paul had no need to apologize when he said, through the Holy Spirit, "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you" (Phil. 4:9). Paul knew that he was God's man, called to lead the Philippians Christians as he himself was led by God. In the same spirit he wrote to the Thessalonians, "And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, . . ."—and note what happens then to these followers! "So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia." This then is the plan of God. We are to follow God's anointed leaders, learn from them and imitate their godly conduct and so follow Christ. They are given us as patterns. In First Timothy 1:16, Paul says, "Howbeit for this cause I obtain mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting."

So, THE SWORD OF THE LORD was born! I still remember the first edition of 5,000 copies that came out on September 28, 1934. I was made "manager of distribution," which meant that I gave a bunch of boys ten cents each to help me distribute the papers on the door steps up and down the streets of Oak Cliff! We hoped that we would get some advertising that would help pay expenses and I was also made "advertising manager." I was able to get comparably few ads—most of them fifty cent ones—not enough to be of any real financial support. The financial burden fell upon John's shoulders and he carried this along with the burden of the editor's work. All the while he was carrying on the pastoral duties of a large church.

Of course we must remember that we are not following the men themselves, but only their instructions from the Lord. It is a great mistake to look to men instead of to God, for men are human and sometimes fail and go astray. And yet there is a sense in which believers have a real duty to follow God-appointed ministers. II Thessalonians 3:7 and 9 indicate this. "For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: . . .

Dr. John R. Rice, Wheaton, Ill.
Happy Birthday, Dr. Rice!

Here are my subscriptions to celebrate your birthday. With the subscriptions come my birthday wishes to you and my prayer for blessings to these friends, through THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

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Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us." It is not only because God's men themselves have God's power, but because they may lead us to Christ.

Thus we see that it is not only proper that we learn from godly teachers, that we are blessed by the ministry of men who write, edit, and serve as leaders; it is our duty to follow them as they follow Christ.

But there is one more aspect of this wonderful teacher-pupil relationship. When we are blessed by the ministry of a man, God gives us a love for the man himself, a desire to return such blessings as we can. The proper response of the Christian who has been blessed is given in I Thessalonians 5, verses 12 and 13, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. . . ." It is good to know that our natural reaction to men of blessing is the right one—we are urged by the teaching of the Holy Spirit to "esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake."

You who have received THE SWORD OF THE LORD each week and feasted your soul in it; you who have trusted Christ through the ministry of the editor of this paper, either personally or in print; you who already obey the inspired command to esteem 'very highly in love for his work's sake' this one who has brought blessing—you now have an opportunity to express that esteem in a tangible way. As a joint tribute to a man of God, we urge all the readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD to have a part in sending birthday subscriptions.

To be sure, there will be no material gain in it for Dr. Rice. He receives no part of the money sent for subscriptions, and he does not even receive a salary as editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. But the surest way you can rejoice his heart—and perhaps the most effective way of expressing your esteem in love—is to help increase the circulation of the weekly revival paper God has called him to edit. May I give you my word, from personal contact with him over a period of years, that this is the way to make Dr. Rice happy. I hope for his sake, for your sake who have been blessed by him, and for the sake of your friends who need subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD, you will join us in this birthday celebration.

Think over your friends. Undoubtedly there are many who ought to have THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Won't you pray about it, and see how many subscriptions you ought to send? There'll be three-fold rejoicing; Dr. Rice will be pleased, you will be happy over doing right about it, and the new subscriber will have the blessings of THE SWORD OF THE LORD weekly. This is a "good thing" you can do in honor of Dr. Rice's birthday, and we are commanded, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things" (Gal. 6:6).

But don't let procrastination rob you of the blessings you were meant to have. Send your subscriptions at once!

Forging of the Sword

By Evangelist Bill Rice

This year in Africa I saw almost-naked natives make an axe. Iron ore was dug from the side of a hill and carried to a crude grass building in which was a primitive smelter. There they heated the ore and ran all the iron together in one big lump. Then, using green vines for tongs, they dragged the red hot lump of metal onto a rock and laboriously chopped it half in two. One half of the lump was taken to a small hole in the ground that they used as their forge with two earthen pots covered with goat skins to make the bellows. They reheated the iron and then carried it in the "tongs" to the anvil—a large hard rock. While one man held the iron on the rock, another picked up a small boulder and began to pound it into shape. It was a long, hard tedious process but in the long run it turned out to be an axe which he proudly sold to me for a few francs. I had witnessed the forging of an axe—the crude sword of the African native.

But I was an eye-witness to the

forging of America's foremost revival paper, THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I had "surrendered" to preach and was in Dallas, Texas as assistant to my big brother, John. I can still remember how distressed he was over editorials in leading magazines to the effect "the days of mass evangelism are gone," and "mass evangelism died with Billy Sunday." I can still remember John saying that he, by the grace of God, would prove that it was possible to have as great revivals today as in the days of Finney, Moody, Torrey, Chapman, Sunday and others. And John did conduct great revival campaigns in Dallas, Texas, with at-

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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

We are glad to have a letter from Rev. Walter A. Reid, pastor Southside Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, Indiana, who is still rejoicing over a blessed revival in his church led by young evangelist, Jimmie Shelton of 2472 Abaco Avenue, Miami, Florida. Results of the campaign were reported in last week's SWORD.

Baptist Church, Rev. P. W. Bryant, pastor..."

During the period of October 22-November 4, in revivals led by Clifton Brannon, there were 208 additions to the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia, and the Orchard Knob Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. At Macon, Georgia, there were 105 first-time decisions for Christ, 98 joining by baptism. At Orchard Knob Baptist Church, there were 126 conversions to Christ. Of this number, 80 joined the church—46 for baptism and 34 by letter. Rev. Kenneth Bolthrop of Crosby, Texas, led the singing in each of these revivals.

Evangelist Brannon has held two other revivals in his native state of one week each. The first was with the First Baptist Church, Eastman, Georgia. In this campaign there were 101 additions to the church. This was followed by one week with Mabel White Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia, where 119 joined the church. These pastors are very high in their praise of the way the Lord is using Clifton Brannon.

Joseph Brookshire and party of Lexington, Kentucky, just conducted a United Church Crusade in Bradford, Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Ministerial Association and the thirty-one Protestant churches of the city. This was the first such effort in twenty-five years. There were 210 decisions made during the meeting.

Evangelist F. A. Wirth of 221 S. Main Street, Petersburg, Illinois, writes: "Just a line to report on a meeting held in the Bluff Avenue Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, the latter part of October, Rev. Albert Allie, pastor. God gave us a good meeting, with fourteen coming for salvation and several to confess sin. Nine came for baptism and two for church membership. We had a twenty-four hour chain of prayer, praying around the clock. We held a meeting in the county jail and about twenty men raised their hands that they would trust Christ, and asked for prayer." This earnest good man has uniformly successful meetings, and we are glad to commend him. He has open dates in January and February.

A brief personal note from Evangelist Jack Shuler to the editor says: "We've been going just one week here in San Bernardino, California, at the Municipal Auditorium. More than two hundred people have been forward. Sixty-three have indicated first-time decisions for Christ."

Rev. Millard Box, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Corsicana, Texas, writes: "I just finished a revival campaign at the Hickory Tree Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, Rev. Arthur Freeman, pastor. We had about seventeen additions. Fifteen of these were by baptism... Two young men with families surrendered to preach. About two hundred rededicated their hearts and lives to the Lord. I will be in Webb City, Missouri, the first two weeks of December at the Emmanuel

Souls were at the mercy seat night after night. Nearly 2,000 people attended the services, largely for Christians, but the unsaved became stirred to the point of repentance and faith in Christ.

Dr. Boyd's next city-wide campaign is in Elgin, Illinois, at the Masonic Temple January 6 to 20. Orval Butcher will be the singer and choir director. Nearly all evangelical churches in the area are cooperating.

Forging the Sword

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who works as hard or such long hours as my big brother does. John loves people and dearly loves to be with a group for a picnic, but his outings are few. He is an excellent horseman, a good tennis player and is fond of golf, but I doubt if he has been horseback riding five times in the last ten years; he hardly ever has time for tennis except during our summer conferences, and seldom gets to play golf. The honest truth is he simply does not have time to even enjoy his family, much less enjoy regular periods of recreation. His hours go into the forging of the SWORD.

Yes, I have seen the forging of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, the brightest sword of evangelistic journalism in all the world today. I was there when the ore was dug, when it was placed in the fire of consecration, when it was pounded on the anvil of adversity and watched as it was sharpened according to the will and word of God by the hands of His prophet. And what is more, thank God, I have seen this bright sword flash in battle as it stormed the very gates of Hell. Critics have been beaten back time and time again and the army of God is marching on in revival campaigns as never before in the history of America. This sword is a proven sword. It is indeed, the *Sword of the Lord!* The blessings of God are upon it. It carries the message that America needs today.

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Consumer Cooperatives Right Or Wrong?

By G. Franklin Swan
Distant, Pennsylvania

Occasionally there arise problems of a social or economic nature which have religious implications, which problems it would be unwise to discuss publicly from the pulpit. And yet those problems sometimes bear so definitely on the Christian life and testimony of the saints of God that a Christian worker would be derelict to his duty did he not make some statement concerning them.

One such problem has come to my attention in a manner so sharp as to compel me to write this article. It is the problem of consumer cooperatives. Lest my intention be misunderstood, let me hasten to explain that there are cooperatives and then there are cooperatives! In fact, there are two main classes of cooperatives—consumer and producer. My quarrel is not with the latter class, but with the former.

You see, a producer cooperative (such as Dairymen's League and some others) if no governmental favoritism is shown, is a perfectly legitimate, producer-owned company aiming at being its own middleman and thus saving an appreciable measure of profit for the producer when that profit would otherwise go into the pockets of third, and in some instances fourth men.

But a consumer cooperative is a cow of a different color. Using our farm industry as an example, the consumer cooperative would be formed by city-dwellers who use milk and vegetables. These city-dwellers would purchase the farms from the owners and hire the former owners (or others) to operate them on a salary in order to eliminate "the profit motive" which many of our radical agitators consider a very evil motive. This is the first step toward collectivism by the "bloodless revolution" method. With enough of this type of cooperative about the country the argument would be advanced, that if they work so well on a small scale, let us collectivize on the national scale. If a little is good, a lot should be better!

I know that this notion seems to be far-fetched, perhaps causing some to smile just now. But read this! James P. Warbasie, then head of the Cooperative League of the USA, wrote a book which he

called, "Cooperative Democracy." On page 258 of that book he says:

"The ultimate aim of the consumers' movement should be to purchase the land from the farmers and employ the latter as agricultural workers."

Fantastic? Yes! Possible? YES! And here is the reason why I say "Yes" to both of those questions.

From the Columbus, Ohio, "Dispatch" for September 9, 1946, we take this excerpt:

"Murray D. Lincoln . . . President of the National Cooperative Congress . . . outlined a prospective alliance between farmers and labor, particularly the CIO, aimed to meet the coming 'revolution' and to achieve a non-profit system of enterprise in America . . . A pattern of alliance between 1,500,000 members of cooperative societies, composed largely of American farmers, and the left wing element in the American labor movement, particularly the CIO, which has as its goal the ownership and operation of the nation's industry and agriculture was taking shape Monday as the National Cooperative Congress convened its biennial convention . . . The opening gun was fired by Murray D. Lincoln . . . in a speech generously sprinkled with denunciations of the 'profit motive' and 'free enterprise' in American business . . . Mr. Lincoln urged cooperatives to be prepared to assume control and management of the nation's business and agriculture in the coming 'revolution.' The labor cooperative committee report pointed to recent developments which indicate interest of labor in cooperative organizations and declared that the United Auto Workers (CIO) is just readying a campaign within its ranks to demonstrate in several centers the effectiveness of cooperatives."

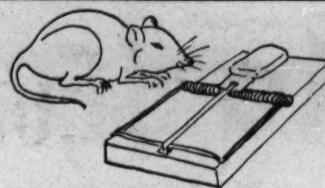
(Underscoring ours.)

You can see that plans are already under way to accomplish this destruction of our American system of free enterprise by which you were able to get and hold your farms or your businesses—to destroy what these groups call our evil "profit motive." Not only that, but the plans are under way under the direction of that powerful, slightly-more-than-pink Congress of Industrial Organizations which we know for its ability to cut off various commodities such as coal and cars.

The very next day, in the same news sheet, there appeared this further report on the same convention:

"Political, as well as economic, union between the nation's farmers and industrial workers was seen as a by-product of an announced drive by the leadership of the United Auto Workers to form consumer's cooperatives all across the nation. Walter P. Reuther, UAW-CIO president, in an address prepared for delivery here Tuesday . . . before the National Cooperative Congress declared: 'We are certain that much progress can be made for labor, for

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farmers and for all consumers through this 'co-op' organization program."

Are you wondering where the connection is between these plans and our Christian Faith? I'm coming to that. The CIO is not the only organization aiding and abetting the unholy wedding of agriculture and unionism's "non-profit" scheme.

Dr. Benson Y. Landis, when Assoc. Secy. of the Federal Council of Churches (now National Council) wrote a book entitled *A Primer for Consumers* in which he says:

"Consumer's cooperation is not enough. Political action is also needed if the consumers' interests are to be advanced. In a technical society we cannot function well under the present Constitution without important amendments. We need a more flexible government, and a Constitution more easily amended . . . Every great social and economic issue is today a constitutional issue . . .

"At present the forces of entrenched wealth want federal control weakened, because these forces know full well that then they will have more freedom to do as they please. Today the consumer force must throw their weight toward a stronger and more flexible Federal Government; toward amending, revising, or re-writing the Constitution to this end . . . we have the most closely guarded Constitution in the world. It is a tragic situation and one fraught with great peril."

Is this the voice of Christianity? To us it sounds more like the babblings of the professional representatives of the Soviet experiment. And yet it is written by one of the highest officials of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. Godly men under divine compulsion founded this country, formulating our Constitution after much prayer and non-political, purely altruistic, patriotic discussion and conference. For lo! these many years with scarcely any alteration it has sufficed as the wisest, most perfect, most equitable basis of republican government man has ever had the privilege of enjoying. Do you really think we should junk our Constitution in favor of the cooperative chaos created in the Communist USSR? The UAW-CIO-National-Council - parlor - pink - consumer - cooperative crowd thinks so! E. Stanley Jones, outstanding modernist missionary and minion of the National Council, thinks so. Nearly every volume his pen produces reeks with that political philosophy. Speaking of the part women should play in his "kingdom of God, cooperative effort," he says, "Woman should be expected to make her own distinctive contribution, which only she as a woman can make. That distinctive contribution is to produce a cooperative order!" Since when has the Kingdom of God become a "consumer cooperative" effort?

In 1936, and again more recently, the National Council brought to this country one who was hailed as "Japan's greatest evangelist." His name is Toyohiko Kagawa, a radical Japanese propagandist who employed himself during the war in remarkably strenuous radio denunciations of the United States of America as a pagan aggressor. He employs this same "cooperatives" hoax as part of his socialistic scheme for destroying our remarkably successful capitalistic system.

It is surely evident that there are religious implications to this socio-economic problem because of the fact that one of the most ardent protagonists of cooperatives is that self-styled "voice of protest

Appreciation From T. E. A. M.

By the Editor

Read with us a kind letter from Rev. David H. Johnson, general director of The Evangelical Alliance Mission,

"Dear Brother Rice:

"The Board of Directors at its meeting held last Monday requested that I send a word of deep appreciation to you for the great service you are rendering in supplying Christian literature for the ministry of missionaries of TEAM and other mission societies. We especially are grateful for the literature furnished to Japan, India, and Portugal.

"Our missionaries are working in cooperation with other societies seeking to get out the gospel in printed form to as wide a circle as possible. We have received a catalog indicating the publications which are now in the Japanese language, and are thrilled by the work being done. You have had a great share in this through making your own tracts and books available as well as providing the funds for this ministry.

"tantism," the National Council of Churches of Christ in America—an apostate body. What peculiar bed-fellows! If you believe in the American way of life—if you believe the Bible—you do not want this sort of intrusion into our economy, and by way of our economy, into our religious life as well.

"Every Bible-believing Christian should pray that God will guide the citizenry of our beloved nation in opposing the invidious inroads of this communist-inspired effort to destroy the "profit motive" and install a "non-profit system" which is merely another name for collectivism and communism in its atheistic, Soviet form.

"Consumer cooperatives—right or wrong? Consumer cooperatives—dead wrong! They are wrong, first, because of the false principles on which they are based, and second, because of the vicious bed-fellows with which they companion. No Christian should condone them.

"We have just received a letter from Mr. Magnus Foreid, our senior missionary in Portugal, who is also chairman of the Intermission Literature Committee, now effectively laboring in that land to get gospel literature into the hands of the masses without Christ. I enclose a copy of this letter to you for I know you will appreciate what Brother Foreid has written.

"Portugal is a land of few missionaries. When I was there last year the total did not exceed 35. We have sent out some new workers since that time and other missions may have done likewise, but the number is inadequate, considering the great need. I was told that out of 4000 villages, less than 3 per cent have any evangelical witness, either missionaries or national Christian workers. There is a very high rate of literacy and I am confident that this Christian literature program will help meet the urgent need. We want you to know that as our worker's share in this ministry we deeply appreciate what you have done to make it possible.

"Sincerely yours in Christ,"

(Signed) David H. Johnson,
General Director

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who read this one article in one group and let you hear the testimonies from the lips of our students who are here and from the lips of those who have gone out from the institution, I would not have to write an article every week pleading with you to make an investment in this Student Loan Endowment Fund. Your heart would simply compel you to help us. Now, since it is not possible for us to contact all of you personally, I am asking you to prayerfully consider the appeals that we have been making. Ask the Lord if He wouldn't have you make an investment of some amount, large or small, in this Student Loan Endowment Fund. Now, just try that out. Simply say, "Now, Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do about this matter?" If you ask God with sincerity what He would have you to do and He does not lead you to send a contribution for this Student Loan Endowment Fund, we do not want you to send it. We do not want any money in Bob Jones University treasury that God does not want us to have. We believe God wants us to have a million-dollar Student Loan Endowment Fund. That is the reason we keep appealing to you. Now, you ask the Lord if He wants you to help us reach that goal; and if you think He does, send a contribution; and if you do not think He wants you to send it, just don't send it. But please pray for us. I know He wants all of you to do that, and I cannot get away from the feeling that He wants some of you and maybe all of you who read this appeal to make some investment in the Student Loan Endowment Fund we are raising. Thank you and God bless you.

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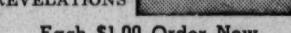
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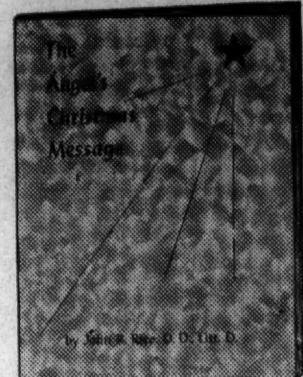
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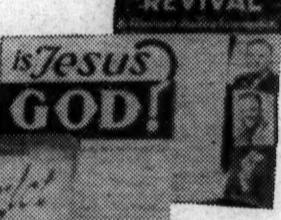
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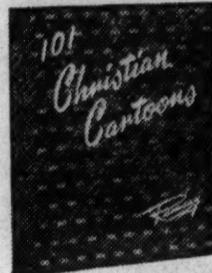
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who met Christ on the road to Damascus.

He is writing a letter in his prison that day. The long Italian summer is still with him. The sun is hot overhead and garments are quickly wet with sweat. Yet there is a suggestion of fall in the air. The dew is heavy on the grass in the morning and sometimes when the sun is flecked with clouds the air seems to grow momentarily chill as if to tell us that winter is not far away.

Winter Comes Soon—Opportunities Missed

So Paul writes on, "Timothy, preach the word constantly, in season and out of season. If you don't teach them now, the time will come when they won't listen to you. Do your best. My ministry is almost over. There remains but little for me here, but a crown of righteousness there. Come to me as quickly as you can. There is no one with me except Luke. Demas deserted me. When you come, bring that coat that I left at Troas. No one was with me when I had my hearing in the Court—but the Lord was there!" He writes more slowly now, remembering as he does various friends, and then again a chill comes over the room. The thin-blooded old man shivers in the gloomy cell, "Timothy, do your best to come before winter."

I do not know whether Timothy heeded this message or not. But if he did not come, then it is probable that he never saw Paul again in the flesh. It was his last opportunity.

There is a note of urgency that runs through this whole passage. "Be instant in season, out of season." "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." "The time of my departure is at hand." "Do thy diligence to come before winter." It is always so when we consider our opportunities. Act quickly lest the opportunity be lost. Dr. Maier quotes in a sermon a Canadian Department of Agriculture bulletin which says that one week's delay in planting wheat after the earliest possible moment means a thirty per cent loss; two weeks, a forty per cent loss; four weeks, a fifty per cent loss. I know little of Canadian wheat, but I know that every delay in following up

our opportunities means loss to us. For many of these delays no subsequent action can atone. No later rush will recover for us the lost ground. An employee of a factory was asked why it was that he was constantly late although he lived next door. "Just look at Jim; he lives three miles away, and he is never late." "I know," replied the employee, "but if Jim starts late, he hurries, while if I start late I'm already here. No later hurrying can replace time already lost."

Why We Miss Opportunities

Why is it that so many of us miss our opportunities? One reason is that the opportunities seem small. Our Lord told, once of the men who received varying sums of money from their Lord to invest and use. One man buried the sum that was intrusted to him. The point we usually overlook is that it was the man with the smallest sum. Yet, the greatest temptation of life is to fail to use and develop our abilities because at the outset they seem small. The world is filled with Moses who complain of being of slow speech and fail to see how those little gifts can be used in great causes.

It is not by being the greatest, and holding the highest position, that we play our part. It is by doing the best we can in the situation in which we are placed; not sighing over great gifts which we do not have, but using those faithfully which Providence has given to us.

*If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill
Be a shrub in the valley—but be the best little shrub by the side of the hill,
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail;
If you can't be a sun be a star,
It isn't by size that you win or fail—
Be the best of whatever you are!*

In the second place, some of us lose our opportunities because we are looking backward at those that are gone instead of looking forward to find new chances. We need to follow Paul's example. "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind,

and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14).

An old Chinese peasant was walking along with a stick across his shoulder, and with a big jar of hot soup hanging from the stick. In turning a corner the jar of soup hit a wall and broke. The old peasant walked on. A bystander called out, "You broke your jar!"

"I know it," he replied and walked on.

"But you never looked back!"

"The jar was broken and the soup lost; why look back?"

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"What's the matter? Can't you see all right?"

"Yes, my sight is as good as ever, but I have practically lost my memory. I forget everything—where I've been; what I've done; what I went after—just everything!"

The doctor proceeded to examine him and then said, "This is the strangest case I have ever seen. I never saw one quite like it. I can give you a treatment that will restore your memory, but if I do, you are going to lose your sight again. Now, do you want the treatment?"

"No, sir! I would rather see where I'm going than remember where I've been."

Sometimes we miss our opportunities because we concentrate on the trivial and neglect the major issues. When I was in college I heard Dr. G. Ray Jordan speak on "Majoring on Minors." I have forgotten much that he said but that expressive title has stuck with me, and I have seen many Major on Minors. The old prophet's parable speaks of that: "...and as thy servant was busy here and there he was gone."

A man, it is said, waiting in a bus station noticed a fortune-telling machine and in idle curiosity, I am told, inserted a coin to get his "fortune." To his amazement he read "You are John Jones; sixty-five years of age; waiting on a bus to Cincinnati." He was astounded. How could a machine be made that would do

that? How? At last he decided to try it over and see if it was a coincidence, or if it came out the same. He walked over, inserted a nickel, and again read, "You are John Jones; sixty-five years of age; waiting on a bus to Cincinnati." His wonder grew. He was dazed by the accuracy of the machine. How could any one ever make such a machine? At last he said to himself, "I'm going to try that one more time and see if it does it again." This time, as I heard it, he put his coin in the slot and grabbed the slip and read, "You are John Jones; sixty-five years of age; and you fooled around so long you missed your bus."

What Opportunities Do We Miss?

What opportunities do I have in mind? One is our opportunities for spiritual greatness, the chance to be and to do our best. There is in this chapter both a warning and a word of comfort. There is a warning to those who have begun well and who, perhaps, pride themselves upon that beginning. There is a young man mentioned here who is mentioned more than once in Paul's epistles and in every other place with approbation. He heads the list of those who were Paul's younger associates, but now Paul writes, "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed."

But there is a world of comfort for those who have stumbled in the way. There is mentioned another who had made a rather poor start. John Mark had lost his courage once and abandoned his work. Paul had then refused to use him on the next missionary expedition. Mark is not the same, however. He has overcome that lack of stability. He can be counted on. So Paul writes, "Take Mark, and bring him with thee; for he is profitable to me for the ministry."

Then we miss the opportunity to work for the salvation and spiritual welfare of others. It is an opportunity that the passage of time and the changing of personalities quickly takes away. Consider how quickly children change. Today, they are ready to listen to the truth we tell; tomorrow, the opportunity is gone.

*I found a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still
It moved and yielded to my will.
I came again when days had passed,*

*The lump of clay was hard at last
The form I gave it still it bore
But I could change that form no more.*

*I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day,
And moulded it with my power and art,
A young child's soft and yielding heart
I came again when years had gone,
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress bore
And I could change him never more.*

—T. Yates.

We make a mistake, however, if we limit it to children. All are changing. All are passing on. If you would be heard, then speak today. As now is the acceptable time for others, it is for ourselves. Today is the day of salvation. Use the opportunity that belongs to you now. Come before winter.

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"I did send a messenger. I sent several messengers. Look at your hair: it was once black, but now is gray. Your face has become wrinkled; your eye is dim; your hearing is no longer acute. You have lost your teeth and your

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"Worse Than Fire"

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his finger in water and cool his tongue. And now, the rich man must remember the sickness of Lazarus. His body was full of sores. He must remember the poverty of Lazarus. He desired to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. He remembered the position of Lazarus—at the gate of the rich man. He was made to remember his treatment of Lazarus. I do not think that Dives gathered any joy in Hell, remembering what he had done toward the beggar.

Thirdly, he was called upon to remember his five brothers. After Abraham said that it was impossible for Lazarus to come and to help him, he said, "I pray thee, therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house. For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment."

In Hell he remembered that his brothers were lost, and that he had failed to be of any spiritual help to them. Could this be a picture of many people who go to Hell? Do they remember that back on earth there are those whom they failed to influence in the right way? I feel quite sure that this is true. The rich man failed himself and he set an example before his brothers which he knew would bring them to Hell also.

Memory in Hell is worse than fire. Memory can be a blessing or a curse. In Hell it will be one eternal curse, always remembering and never escaping.

I was reading this week about a famous picture in an art gallery in Brussels. The picture is entitled, "A View of Hell." The central figure is a man with folded arms and a familiar cocked hat on his head. There is no name given, but there is no need, for he is at once identified as Napoleon Bonaparte. On the face of the emperor there is a look of amazement and astonishment, mingled with dread and fear. He looks about him and beholds an awful scene.

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on their countenances surround him. They are holding up the bleeding, amputated arms and legs of the slaughtered. One woman has the head of her husband in a sack, and another carries the torso of a dead and mangled body. A raw and bloody arm, severed at the shoulder, is thrust close to the face of Napoleon. At one side is a naked body, upheaved with a sword plunged into the abdomen. On the faces of the children, the wives, and the mothers, are depicted rage, horror, anger, hate, and infinite pain and sorrow. It is a terrible picture. It represents Napoleon in Hell, remembering the agony which he caused through a lifetime.

Memory can be a curse now. There are many people going through life with troubled minds and aching hearts because of the memory of sin. Today they suffer because they remember the mistakes of yesterday. Perhaps it was a sin of stealing, perhaps unfaithfulness, perhaps a sin of youth that still haunts your life. Think today that if memory can cause so much agony in this life, then what will be awful agony throughout eternal Hell.

In Hell men will remember their many rejections of Christ. The greatest of all remorse in Hell will be the consciousness of having wilfully turned your back upon Christ. Through all the ages of eternity, you will remember that you refused to look upon the Christ of the cross and receive Him as Saviour. Through eternity there will be the one unending wail, "Oh, if I had only accepted His loving offer and been saved!"

In Hell you will remember the prayers, the pleadings, the tears of the loved ones for you. Some of you, if you should die today, would spend eternity in Hell remembering the prayers of a Christian mother in your behalf. Others of you would remember the patient pleadings of many loved ones and precious friends who sought to bring you to Jesus.

How long will memory last? For eternity.

II. Worse Than Fire is the Separation in Hell

"And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."—Luke 16:26.

Separation is a word that needs to be found in every Christian's vocabulary. It is a divine teaching from Genesis to Revelation. The world tries to mix people and things. The world tries to confuse the issues of life, but God says, "Separate."

Separation was God's standard in Old Testament and New Testament days. Among God's chosen people there was but one standard—separation. When Jesus walked upon the earth, He called for men to come out from the world and to follow Him. He warned

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against compromises. Separation must be complete, even though it touches one's own family. Christ said, "A man's foes shall be they of his own household."

Separation is God's standard now. He has not changed. There must be a definite line of demarcation between Christians and the world. The greatest hindrance to soul winning today is the mixture of the world among Christians and Christians among the world.

There will be separation at the coming of Jesus Christ. At His rapture the dead in Christ shall be raised, the living shall be changed, and the saints shall be caught up to meet the Lord. Separation reaches into the graves. Separation will slice through all relationships of life at the coming of Christ for His own. At the revelation of Jesus there will be a separation. When He sits to judge the nations, they will be divided as the sheep from the goats.

Separation is God's standard in eternity. The wicked shall be turned into Hell; the righteous shall enter into life everlasting. The great gulf is fixed. There is no mixture of saved and lost, even in eternity.

Men are separated now by a person, and they will be separated throughout all eternity by that same Person, even Jesus Christ.

In Christ, men are made alive. Out of Christ, they are dead. In Christ, there is no condemnation. Out of Christ, there is condemnation because they believe not in Him.

Through all eternity the separation will exist. If Hell is your portion, then you will not see the loved ones who have gone to Heaven, nor will you be able to come into the presence of the loving God. It will be separation forever.

III. In Hell There is No Hope Forever

Here is another aspect of Hell worse than fire. Abraham said, "A great gulf is fixed." The word "fixed" indicates that hope is gone forever.

A person can stand a great deal if there is hope. We can endure poverty if there is hope

"Come Before Winter"

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form has become stooped. What are these but the messengers of Death?"

Yes, while the evil days come not let us turn to the God of our salvation. Remember now thy Creator.

Come before the winter of conscience begins. While you are awake to these obligations, act upon them. We can deaden our sensibilities by constant rejection

of one day bettering ourselves. We can stand pain if we look for a day of ease from pain. We can stand persecution if we know that after a while it shall be done away, but in Hell there is not one spark of hope.

In a home for the fallen in the city of London there is the picture of a child blowing a dying ember. This motto appears, "Perhaps there remains a spark." It is an appropriate design for such an institution.

In this life we can always find a spark of hope. Whenever I see a poor destitute man, I think, "Perhaps there remains a spark." When I see a poor fallen woman, I can say, "Perhaps there remains a spark." If the spark can be fanned, it may become a flame. Hope is a rainbow against the darkest cloud. It gathers the sunbeams from near and far and causes them to shine upon the pathway. It rings a joybell into the ears of those who are struggling beneath heavy crosses. How marvelous is hope!

In Hell there is no hope. This is worse than fire.

There will be no chance to repent, no chance or opportunity to trust in Jesus Christ. Oh, that you might see the awfulness of Hell! See the terrible characteristics of this fearful place, and now flee to the arms of Christ and be saved forever.

General William Booth of the Salvation Army used to tell the story of a family in the city of London, well known to Salvation Army workers. The family was well known as avowed enemies of the gospel, and infidels concerning the faith. There were four members of the household—father, mother, son and daughter. They were so positive in their antagonism to the gospel that they had publicly declared they did not want a Christian to enter their home at any time. A young Salvation Army girl had a great yearning for the souls of these people, and she determined to try to enter their home and bear at least one testimony for Jesus Christ. And so one day, climbing up the stairs toward the apartment in which they lived, she came to the landing just below the open door of their apartment. As she paused for breath, she heard the tones of a man in mature years, strong, firm and confident, saying, "Hold on, my son, hold on! You are sick now. It may be you must even die, but we know there is nothing beyond. We have reasoned it all out. We have read all the books. We know all the arguments. We have exploded the Christian myth long ago. There is nothing but a step into the dark, and then sleep, peaceful and permanent. Do not be afraid. Hold on! Hold on!"

Then there was a moment's silence, after which the sobbing voice of a woman cried in great and yearning tenderness: "O my precious boy! Mother's heart breaks for you, but you must not be afraid. You will be going to sleep directly as gently as ever you did when a babe on Mother's bosom. You remember that we investigated all the questions relating to any possible life beyond this. You know our faculties were all strong and vigorous when we reached the definite and deliberate conclusion that there is nothing beyond but darkness, and death is but a step into it, and then sleep. Son, hold on! Hold on!"

Again, there was a heartbreaking pause, and then as the Salvation Army girl waited, she heard the voice of the boy's sister as she said, "O my brother, do not

falter now. All real knowledge, conviction, and understanding of life and death came to you in the days of health. Do you not remember the books we read, the arguments we made, and the conclusions to which we came? Just hold on now for a little while, and then will all be over, and you will sleep. There is nothing beyond; just hold on."

Come before the winter of God's call. The foolish virgins who took no oil in their vessels and attempted to remedy their neglect too late found that the door was shut against them. Today God calls. If you will hear his voice, come now. Come today. Come before winter.

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And then wavering upon the air, a voice laden with great tragedy of despair, between choking gasps for breath, said, "That is all right, but there is nothing to hold to! There is nothing to hold to as I go out into the dark!"

My friend, without Christ, there is nothing to hold to. If you have not placed your hand in the nail-scarred hand of Jesus, then you have nothing to hold to. Eternity is not only darkness, but eternity is full of suffering, torment, and everlasting woe for you.

Look to Jesus. Receive Him now as your Saviour. Believe in Him, for He said, "He that believeth in me shall never die."

Decide for Christ Today

You have read the strong sermon, "Worse Than Fire," by Dr. Lee Roberson. Surely you will agree that in Hell memory will be worse than fire, that eternal separation from loved ones is worse than fire, that the absolute hopelessness of Hell is worse than fire. After death there is no chance to repent, no chance to trust.

In Jesus' name, now let the editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD beg you to turn from your sins and be saved. Delay is not only useless; it is sinful, it is foolish. The only sensible and wise and right thing for any lost sinner to do is to take Christ now, immediately, as your own personal Saviour. I beg you to repent of your sins, turn to Christ in your heart, definitely, once for all, commit your soul to Him, depend upon Him to save you. Jesus said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). God loves you, Jesus died for you. If you will throw yourself on Christ's mercy, depending on Him, relying upon Him, trusting Him to save you, He will do it right now, this moment.

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Strange Short Stories

By Dr. Walter L. Wilson



Soap is a product of Christianity. The heathen do not have soap. In some places a day's work may be obtained through the gift of a little soap. How would you like to live without soap? How difficult it would be to clean the body or to clean the dishes in the kitchen or to wash the clothing clean without this essential article of civilization! We forget to value it as we should because it is so common. In this short story we shall consider some interesting facts about it and learn some lessons from it.

Soap may be obtained in many forms. There are round cakes and oval cakes; there are long bars and short squares. It may be obtained in liquid form or in flakes. Sometimes it is furnished in powder and again like a jelly. It may be obtained in many colors: blue and green; white and yellow; red and brown.

Soap is often furnished, mingled with perfume to give it a beautiful scent. Some soap is made for hard water and some for soft water, but all of it is for cleansing purposes. Our Lord said in Jeremiah 2:22, "For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me."

Soap has many uses. Surgical soap is found in the wash-up room of every hospital and is made with a germicide content for cleansing the hands before the operation. Other soap is of such a delicate nature that it is advertised for use on the tender skin of the baby. I have seen bars of soap made up with some kind of grit in its body for the removal of grease and very tenacious dirt,

such as is found around machine shops. A special soap is made for killing body odors; sometimes the cure is worse than the disease. There is soap that dissolves very quickly and is used for dishwashing and for fine clothes. All of this soap, however, is just for cleansing purposes. Its presence affirms its need and announces the presence of dirt.

Just as it is necessary to use soap because we and our things become soiled so it is necessary that the soul should be cleansed with some material which will effectively remove the stains that sin has made. The remedies that men manufacture for the removal of guilt and sin are likened to soap in Jeremiah 2:22. Soap will remove the dirt from the outside but cannot cleanse the inside. Soap is all right for what man can see but is of no value for what God can see. Soap will remove the dirt that men can reach but cannot cancel the guilt that only God can reach. Our Lord is telling us in the above passage that after you have done all that

you can with the best of human remedies and with an earnest intention, still the guilt remains and the stains are unremoved.

There are soaps on the market which are translucent; they are clear in their body and beautiful in appearance. Most soap is opaque. Some kinds of soap are made to float while others sink to the bottom and are most difficult to find in the depths of the bath. Some soap is very expensive while other varieties are exceedingly inexpensive. Whether they be high-priced or cheap none of them will avail to wash away the sins of the life and to cleanse the soul. What can wash away my stain? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

God has two remedies for the black marks of disobedience. The first is found in I John 1:7, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." The other is found in Psalm 119 verse 9, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word." The Blood of Christ cleanses the inward stains and the Word of Christ purifies the outward ways. These are God's cleansing agents. Soap wears out with use and finally disappears in the water. Neither the precious Blood nor the priceless Word have altered through the centuries. There is just as much value and efficacy now as there was in the beginning. The centuries have not altered nor weakened either one. There is still "Power in the Blood," and wonder working power in the Word.

Children do not like soap. They must be begged and urged and compelled to wash with it. How often Mother has said, "Did you wash, WITH SOAP?" Then while the reply was not confirmed by the appearance Mother would smell the face to see. As the child grows and perhaps a sweetheart comes into the life, soap becomes more necessary to the daily routine and before the teen age has finished, the desire for cleanliness and the pride of appearance promote the use of soap rather freely. It is so with God's remedies for sin—the Blood and the Bible. As we become conscious of the stain upon the soul and of the spots which must appear to God as well as to men, we are constrained to appropriate God's

blessed provision, the cleansing agents which He has provided.

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All soap must be purchased. It does not grow on trees, or bushes. It is not found in the sea nor in the soil. It must be produced by the skill and the art of men. This divine remedy for sin is not a natural product either. It came from the hands of God and is a product of Heaven. It is FREE. No one can buy it and no one can corner it. It is not for sale through any church or by any man. Christ alone controls it. The Holy Spirit applies it. Any sinner anywhere may accept it. Do make sure, my friend, that you are washed in the Blood of the Lamb, so that you may have entrance to the presence of God. (Revelation 7:14, 15.)

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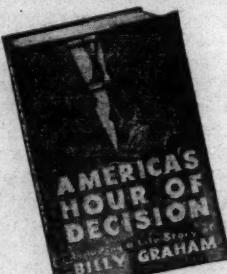
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The Editor's Notes

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Viola Walden, leave for Harlingen, Texas, by automobile. There we will be engaged November 18 through December 2 at Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. John Wilder, pastor. A new tabernacle seating 1100 has been built and will be opened with this revival campaign. We hope to spend one night with Chuck and Mary Himes (daughter and son-in-law) with the three grandchildren at Teece, Kansas; to see Mrs. Rice's mother near Muenster, Texas; and spend the night in Dallas with Miss Viola's family. We should see Mrs. Sam Morris in San Antonio, Texas and arrive at Harlingen Saturday night. We trust God will richly bless with souls. J. Stratton Shufelt of Wheaton will lead singing in the campaign.

Don't Miss Dr. Ironside's Articles on Holiness

Some people believe that THE SWORD OF THE LORD ought never to do any Bible teaching or preaching on controversial matters. Of course we are sorry to grieve any reader, but we feel we must be true to the Bible and to Christ by defending Bible Christianity and by teaching the blessed Word of God. We have the kindest attitude toward all born-again, Bible-believing Christians. We want their love and fellowship. We believe they will find THE SWORD OF THE LORD true to Christ and always standing for the authority of the Bible itself, for all the great fundamentals of the Christian faith, for soul winning, for holy living, for New Testament Christianity.

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THE LORD, by the late Dr. H. A. Ironside, long pastor of Moody Memorial Church, Chicago. Dr. Ironside's articles on *Holiness, the False and the True* are worth your earnest reading and study for the following reasons. First, Dr. Ironside himself was for years a Salvation Army officer, an ardent advocate of the eradication of the carnal nature. As he has told in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, he found, despite his long prayers and tears and sincerity, that he was still human and sinful. With great sorrow he gave up the doctrine that did not work in his own life. His experience and his honest confession must be respected. Second, Dr. Ironside proved himself one of the noblest men of God, brotherly, spiritual, devoted to the Scriptures. His Christian character, widely known to millions of people, will make people who are sincerely anxious for the truth, willing to hear this man of God. Third, Dr. Ironside calls attention again and again to the Scriptures themselves. Next week we will begin the Bible studies by Dr. Ironside on sanctification, or holiness. This man, widely called the greatest Bible teacher of his day, must have our respect and our hearing when he proves every point by the Word of God. So, in Jesus' name, I beg every reader to take time to read every word of Dr. Ironside's articles on holiness. Particularly look for the great series of Bible teachings which begin next week.

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Observations on Holiness Movement

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confidence. And secondly, the next thing to saying I live without sin, is to say that nothing that I do is sin. Consequently, the teaching of holiness in the flesh tends to harden the conscience and to cause the one who professes it to lower the standard to his own poor experience. Any who move much among those in this profession will soon begin to realize how greatly prevalent are the conditions I have described. Holiness professors are frequently cutting, censorious, uncharitable and harsh in their judgment of others. Exaggerations, amounting to downright dishonesty, are unconsciously encouraged by and often indulged in in their "testimony" meetings. The rank and file are no freer from vulgarisms, slangy expressions, and levity in conversation than ordinary persons who make no such profession; while many of the preachers are largely given to sensational and amusing sermons that are anything but serious and edifying. And all this, mark you, without sinning!

The Apostle Paul emphasizes "envy, strife and divisions" as evidences of carnality, and designates them as the works of the flesh. Where have divisions, with all their accompanying evils, been more manifest than among the rival holiness organizations, some of which roundly denounce all connected with the others as "backsliders," and "on the road to Hell"? I have heard such denunciations on many occasions. The bitterness existing between the Salvation Army and the various off-shoots therefrom—the volunteers of America, the discredited American Salvation Army, the now defunct Gospel Army, and other "armies"—may be instances as cases in point; while the other holiness societies have no brighter records. I have observed that debt and its twin brother, worry, are as common among such professors as among others. In fact, the sinfulness of worrying rarely seems to be apprehended by them. Holiness advocates have all the little unpleasant ways that are so trying in many of us: they are no more free from penitentialness,

tattling, evil-speaking, selfishness, and kindred weaknesses, than their neighbors.

Holiness Advocates Not More Righteous Than Other Godly Christians

And as to downright wickedness and uncleanness, I regret to have to record that sins of a positively immoral character are, I fear, far more frequently met with in holiness churches and missions, and Salvation Army bands, than the outsider would think possible. I know whereof I speak; and only a desire to save others from the bitter disappointments I had to meet leads me to write as I do. Among Christians generally there are failures that shock and wound the sensibilities of many, occurring from time to time, through a lack of watching unto prayer. But surely, among the holiness people, such failures, if they ever occur, do so at very rare intervals! Would that I could say so. Alas, it is far otherwise! The path of the holiness movement (including, of course, the Salvation Army) is strewn with thousands of such moral and spiritual breakdowns. I would not dare to try to tell of the scores, yea, hundreds, of "sanctified" officers and soldiers who to my personal knowledge were dismissed from or left the "Army" in disgrace during my five years' officership. It will be objected that such persons had "lost their sanctification" ere lapsing into these evil practices; but of what real value is a "sanctification" that leaves its possessor not one whit more to be relied upon than one who lays claim to nothing of the sort?

On the other hand, I gladly concede that both in the ranks of the religious-military society of which I was once a member, and in other holiness organizations, there are many, very many, pious, devoted men and women whose zeal for God and self-abnegation are lovely to witness, and will surely be rewarded in "that day." But let no one be blinded by this to suppose it is the holiness doctrine that has made them such. The refutation of this is the simple fact that the great majority

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of martyrs, missionaries and servants of Christ who in all the Christian centuries have "loved not their lives unto the death," never dreamed of making such a claim for themselves, but daily owned their sinfulness by nature and constant need of the advocacy of Christ.

The testimonies of many who were at one time prominent in other organizations where holiness in the flesh is preached and professed fully agree with mine as to the large percentage of "backsldings" from virtue and personal purity.

Superstition and fanaticism of the grossest character find a hotbed among "holiness" advocates. Witness the present "Tongues Movement," with all its attendant delusions. An unhealthy craving for new and thrilling religious sensations, and emotional meetings of a most exciting character, readily account for these things. Because settled peace is unknown, and final salvation is supposed to depend on progress in the soul, people get to depend so much upon "blessings," and "new baptisms of the Spirit," as they call these experiences, that they readily fall a prey to the most absurd delusions. In the last few years hundreds of holiness meetings all over the world have been literally turned into pandemoniums where exhibitions worthy of a madhouse or of a collection of howling dervishes are held night after night. No wonder a heavy toll of lunacy and infidelity is the frequent result.

Now I am well aware that many holiness teachers repudiate all connection with these fanatics; but they do not seem to see that it is their doctrines that are the direct cause of the disgusting fruits I have been enumerating. Let a full Christ be preached, a finished work be proclaimed, the truth of the indwelling Spirit be scripturally taught, and all these excrescences disappear.

Do Not Claim What the Bible Does Not Promise

Perhaps the saddest thing about the movement to which I have referred is the long list of shipwrecks concerning the faith to be

attributed to its unsound instruction. Large numbers of persons seek "holiness" for years only to find they have had the unattainable before them. Others profess to have received it, but are forced at last to own it was all a mistake. The result is sometimes that the mind gives way beneath the strain; but more frequently unbelief in the inspiration of the Scriptures is the logical result. It is for persons dangerously near these shoals of infidelity and darkness that I have penned these papers. God's word remains true. He has not promised what He will not perform. It is you, dear troubled one, who have been misled by faulty teaching as to the true nature of sanctification, and the proper effects of the indwelling Spirit of God. Let neither gloomy unbelief nor melancholy disappointment hinder your reading the chapters that are to follow, and then searching the Scriptures daily whether these things be so. And may God in His rich grace and mercy give every self-occupied reader to look away to Christ alone, "who, of God, is made unto us wisdom: even righteousness, sanctification, and redemption."

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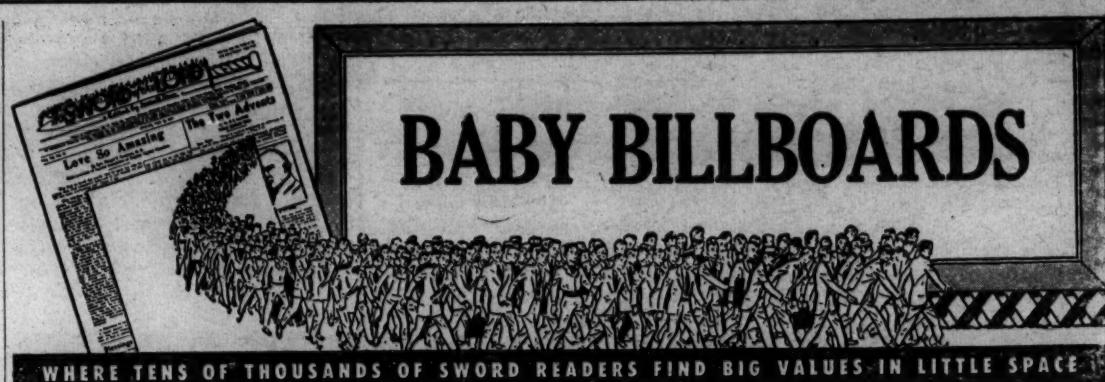
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